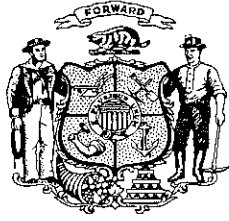


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## JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

### MEMORANDUM

To: Members  
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Mark Miller  
Representative Mark Pocan

Date: March 31, 2010

Re: Plan for Expenditure of Federal Economic Stimulus Funds

Pursuant to s. 84.03(2), Stats., as modified by 2009 Wisconsin Act 2 and Section 9131(1)(b) of Wisconsin Act 2, attached is a letter from the Governor, received March 31, 2010, which outline one individual plans for use of federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funds.

Under 2009 Wisconsin Act 2, Section 9131(1)(b), the Joint Committee on Finance is required to hold a meeting within 14 days after a plan is submitted to either approve or modify and approve the plan.

We are in the process of setting a date and time for the Committee to meet under s. 13.10, Stats., and will be in contact with you. All materials prepared for the meeting will be provided to members at least 48 hours before the meeting, as pursuant to 2009 Wisconsin Act 2, Section 9131(1)(cL).

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The Honorable Mark Miller, Co-Chair  
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The Honorable Mark Pocan, Co-Chair  
Joint Committee on Finance  
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Dear Senator Miller and Representative Pocan:

Pursuant to s. 9131(1)(b) of 2009 Wisconsin Act 2, I am submitting this plan for the Department of Regulation and Licensing's use of federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds.

The department was recently awarded a \$500,000 grant to create a physician licensing collaboration with seven other Midwestern states. The goals of the project are as follows:

- Develop and implement state policies that will reduce statutory and regulatory barriers to licensure portability;
- Expedite the licensure process and eliminate redundancies associated with applying for licenses in multiple jurisdictions; and
- Develop a model of licensure that can serve as a national model for overcoming state statutory and regulatory licensure barriers to cross-state practice for all health professions.

The project creates a multistate task force to implement an interstate licensure portability program that reduces and eliminates statutory and regulatory barriers to cross-border licensing. States that have signed a memorandum of agreement to implement a licensure portability program through regulatory and/or legislative adjustment and to implement the program are Wisconsin (applicant and lead state), Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Missouri.

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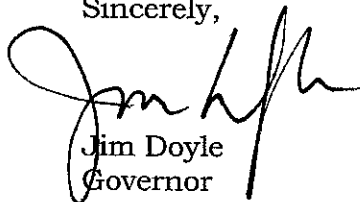
Several states already have internal mechanisms in place to begin to address interstate licensing issues, but no state in this group has taken a collaborative approach with other states. The plan offered by Wisconsin and the participating states creates a collaborative process with each state bureau/executive director responsible for the respective agency that addresses physician licensing. As implementation of the state licensure portability program progresses, other states may be asked to join in the effort.

The two primary indicators for the Recovery Act grant relate to the impact on the workforce. They were reviewed with potential grant applicants by the funding agency in a Webinar on November 6, 2009, and include: (1) retaining existing workers in state regulating offices and creating new jobs in state regulating offices; and (2) implementation of regulatory and legislative changes that support interstate licensure portability.

The department requests increased expenditure authority of \$500,000 in fiscal year 2009-10 in the federal funds appropriation under s. 20.165(1)(m).

Please feel free to contact staff at the Department of Regulation and Licensing should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Jim Doyle  
Governor

cc: Members of the Joint Committee on Finance  
Secretary Celia Jackson, Department of Regulation and Licensing  
Secretary Michael Morgan, Department of Administration